

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 18 have been canceled. Claims 15-17 and 19 had been canceled previously. New claims 20-34 have been added. New claims 20-34 are thus pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant believes these grounds for rejection have been mooted by the cancellation of claims 1-14 and 18 and the addition of new claims 20-34. New claims 20-34 are amply supported by the specification (see, e.g., paragraphs 0014-0016, 0019-0024, 0027-0029, and 0031 and Figure 1). No new matter has been introduced via the addition of new claims 20-34.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action had rejected claims 1-14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bischof et al. (U.S. Publ. No. 20040041827 A1, hereinafter “Bischof”). Applicant believes these grounds for rejection have been mooted by the cancellation of claims 1-14 and 18 and the addition of new claims 20-34.

New independent claims 20-34 recite limitations that are neither taught nor suggested by Bischof. For example, Bischof is silent on the subject of determining that the application (i.e., the application’s program code) being tested has been modified and determining which existing test scripts require updating as a result of the modifications to the application. The tracking of changes in *state* of application user interface elements during execution of the application to support the recording of test scripts described in Bischof should not be confused with, e.g., the limitation “determining that one of the auxiliary data items has been altered, the alteration of the

one of the auxiliary data items indicating a particular manner in which the application has been altered” recited in new claim 20.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that no further impediments exist to the allowance of this application and, therefore, requests an indication of allowability. However, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any questions or comments arise.

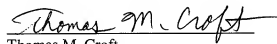
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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